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Enrollment Jumps 54 Per Cent

Melby Deplores Schools' Status In Montana

The Montana educational system "is worse off in relation to the rest of the nation than it was 20 years ago," University President Ernest O. Melby said in a convocation address at University Hall Wednesday morning. The only way to put Montana on the map, he said, is for teachers to have the courage to help children and adults to a better understanding of the state and its problems.

He deplored the feeling among some that freedom of speech is not permitted public office holders here, and contrasted Montana to his home state of Minnesota, where "everyone spoke his mind" on state problems or on any topic which required open discussion.

"Montana needs a larger population after the war," he said, "and I doubt that this state will realize its proportionate share of returning service men and war workers because Montana appears to be headed toward a continuation of its present colonial economy."

The university president, who will leave next fall to become dean of education at New York University, said that Montana is a land of "wide open spaces," ripe for development, and much more desirable for people than large overcrowded centers of population; yet "nothing is being done" to attract outsiders and former residents who have moved to other areas.

"You teachers must do more than teach reading, writing and arithmetic in the schoolroom—you must inform others how to build the state," Dr. Melby said.

Education must do more, he said, than give knowledge and skill—that it must offer the world real leadership and concrete benefits, without which "the human race will fall to ruin."

Other speakers were Dean Walter A. Anderson, director of the summer session; Eddie Hearn, director of dramatics, and Clarence Bell, band director.

Postwar Plans To Feature Conference

The 1945 Educational Problems Conference, its attendance limited by ODT regulations, will open on the campus, Thursday, June 21. Fifty school administrators, invited here for the conference, will take part in discussions bearing upon the general subject: "Montana Schools Face the Postwar Period." Emphasis will be placed on postwar educational problems and inter-American relations.

During the two and one-half days of conference participants will hear a series of addresses and round-table discussions; be given opportunities to visit the Curriculum Revision Center and Workshop in Education, and see demonstrations by pre-school and Junior High School pupils.

The ODT order limits the number of educators who may come to the conference, but those enrolled in the summer session for short courses or for longer programs are urged to attend.

To the list of school administrators from Montana several outside experts, who are members of the Summer Session faculty, will participate in the conference. Among them are Prof. Emilio LeFort, from South America; Daniel A. Buchanan, from the University of British Columbia; C. O. Arndt, of the U. S. Office of Education, and Guy Fox of Denver Public Schools.

Joe Glutz Has Own Ideas On Summer Curriculum

"Abolish all 8 o'clock classes, or put sofas in the corridors of the classroom buildings," suggests "Joe Glutz—Central 5601." An otherwise unidentified character, who filled out the questionnaire on recreation for summer session.

He is agreeable to playing softball, tennis and pingpong; he wants to go hiking, dancing, riding and swimming; he is especially interested in tours and trips "any time

Late Registrants May Boost Total to Nearly 500

Summer session enrollment at MSU jumped 54 per cent above last year's total when 380 students passed through registration lines last Monday, Dean Walter A. Anderson, summer session director, announced.

Besides, It's Free

What: First Summer Session mixer.

Where: In the Gold Room of the Student Union.

Why: To provide entertainment.

When: Saturday, June 16, at 8:30.

Who: All students and faculty.

How: With the assistance of Harold Herbig's orchestra.

Coffee Hour Gets Off to Good Start

While balancing cups of hot coffee in one hand and talking with the other students and faculty became acquainted at the Coffee Hour in the Student Union Lounge Wednesday and started the summer session recreation program off with enthusiasm.

"These informal Coffee Hours will be held each week at this same time," stated Miss Cyril Van Duser, manager of the Student Union Recreation committee.

Figures on additional registration Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have not been tabulated.

Many veterans are continuing their education through the summer and the secondary school curriculum revision program has attracted many. The progress of the war has encouraged greater attendance, Dr. Anderson thinks, while the large number of regular and visiting faculty members have created a new interest in MSU.

Of first-day registration almost three-quarters of the enrollment consisted of new students. Women numbered 270 and men, 110. Last year there were 193 women to 54 men, a total of 247.

Late registrations will build the enrollment well past the predicted 400 students, university officials believe. Dean Anderson suggested the enrollment may come closer to 500 than the 400 estimate made prior to registration.

Curriculum Study Attracts Many

The workshop in revision of secondary school curriculum has expanded from an enrollment of eight last summer to a working group of 70 including teachers, school demonstrators and university faculty members this session. Efforts will be directed toward formulating courses of study for Montana high schools designed expressly to meet the needs of modern living and postwar planning.

Thirty-six of those enrolled are graduate students working toward the Masters' degree while 10 already have such degrees.

The expenses of approximately 36 per cent of those attending are being partially met by local school boards.